



**Kentucky Adult Learner Initiative  
Working Group on Flexible Academic Programming**

**Some Models of Flexible Academic Programming in Kentucky**

**Statewide**

**Go Higher Kentucky**

The Go Higher Kentucky Web site interactive website helps Kentuckians plan, apply, and pay for college. The site includes online admissions and financial aid applications, as well as services for adult education and GEAR UP Kentucky participants.

**Kentucky Virtual University (KYVU) (also referred to as Kentucky Virtual Campus KYVC)**

KYVC serves as a clearinghouse for a growing list of online learning opportunities. Kentucky was the first state in the country to offer its residents a comprehensive package of online educational resources: a virtual university, a virtual high school and a virtual library, including research help from reference librarians.

The mission of the Kentucky Virtual Campus (KYVC), the state's official virtual campus, is to be student-centered, technology-based utility for the support of lifelong learning. The KYVC simplifies access to quality college credit, professional development, and supplemental studies. The KYVC provides a single access point to statewide learning support services, including KYVL, thus serving as a seamless transition to higher education for Kentucky citizens.

Participating colleges, universities, and technical and community colleges include:

**Universities and Colleges**

- Asbury College
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Kentucky State University
- Mid-Continent University
- Midway College
- Morehead State University

- Murray State University
- Northern Kentucky University
- Sullivan University
- University of Kentucky
- University of Louisville
- Western Kentucky University

### **Kentucky Community and Technical College System**

- Ashland Community and Technical College
- Big Sandy Community and Technical College
- Bowling Green Technical College
- Bluegrass Community and Technical College
- Elizabethtown Community and Technical College
- Gateway Community and Technical College
- Hazard Community and Technical College
- Henderson Community College
- Hopkinsville Community College
- Jefferson Community and Technical College
- Madisonville Community College
- Maysville Community and Technical College
- Owensboro Community and Technical College
- Somerset Community College
- Southeast Community and Technical College
- West Kentucky Community and Technical College

KYVC's Online Learning Courses and Programs Help individuals to:

- Earn a degree from the college of your choice.  
NOTE: Credit and degrees are awarded by the participating college, university or institution, not by KYVC.
- Start or finish a degree program online from the comfort of your home
- Work full time and go to college - you "attend class" at home
- Keep a busy family schedule and still have time to attend classes
- Develop your career with professional training courses
- Continue learning about subjects just because they interest you

### **New Extended Campus Programs**

Institutions planning to offer programs outside their areas of geographic responsibility must consult with potential postsecondary partners in the region to ensure coordination and collaboration and to minimize unproductive competition. If there is opposition, the Council will decide how best to resolve the dispute.

### **Distance Education**

The Council collaborates with Kentucky postsecondary institutions to ensure that distance education is available and accessible to all students.

## **Some Institutional Models in Kentucky**

### **Kentucky State Institutional Models**

(Note: Because representatives of these institutions will participate in the Working Group on August 26, 2008, and will provide relevant institutional information, the University of Kentucky, Northern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System are excluded from this list)

### **Eastern Kentucky University -- Continuing Education and Outreach**

Continuing Education and Outreach encompasses services from Adult Education, Community and Workforce Education, Distance and Online Learning, and Conferencing and Events to our regional campuses and centers, to the Hummel Planetarium and Eastern's public radio station, WEKU. CE&O is becoming a nationally recognized leader by developing and providing innovative educational programs and services through collaboration and entrepreneurship.

### **Kentucky State University -- Distance and Online Learning Opportunities**

Kentucky State University offers many alternatives for students to achieve their educational and career goals. In addition to over 650 on-campus classes offered each semester, the University also offers a wide range of distance-learning options that are ideal solutions for students with time and distance restraints. Full-Time and Part-Time students can receive college credit for classes that are accessible through alternative delivery methods.

### **Morehead State University**

Morehead State University has programs in place to help non-traditional students adapt to campus life. A chapter of PINNACLE™, the non-traditional honorary began in 1991 to ensure that non-traditional students were not overlooked when honors are being distributed. PINNACLE™ takes pride in including the student who retains an excellent G.P.A. while maintaining family and job responsibilities.

The Non-Traditional Eagle Society is an organization of students dedicated to helping non-traditional students find information, confidence, and motivation in order to achieve success.

In addition, Morehead State University offers distance learning, and a variety of online degree programs:

- Bachelor of Science - Leadership in Medical Imaging
- Bachelor of University Studies - General Studies
- Master of Arts in Education - Educational Technology with Instructional Computer Technology Endorsement
- Master of Arts in English
- Master of Business Administration
- Bachelor of University Studies - Health Services
- Masters of Arts in School Administration
- Rank I in Educational Technology with Instructional Computer Technology Endorsement

RN-BSN Program  
Technology Management  
Small Business Management & Entrepreneurship  
Accounting  
Finance

### **Murray State University – Center for Continuing Education and Academic Outreach**

The Murray State University Center for Continuing Education and Academic Outreach was organized for the purpose of carrying the facilities of the institution beyond the classroom. It provides for the intellectual growth of those mature learners who find it impossible to come to the campus for all of their study. The Center for Continuing Education and Academic Outreach provides college correspondence courses, extended campus classes, consultants, and other types of public services. Some of the unique programs include:

- **Adults Belong in College.** The purpose of the Adults Belong in College (ABC) unit of Continuing Education and Academic Outreach is to help adult learners get admitted to and be successful at Murray State.
- **Bachelor of Integrated Studies.** Murray State's BIS program grants students an alternative baccalaureate degree, the Bachelor of Integrated Studies (BIS). The degree is designed for adults with previous college credit and/or significant life experience.
- **Project Graduate.** Project Graduate is part of a statewide initiative called "Double the Numbers," which is Kentucky's Plan to raise the state's standard of living to the national average by increasing college graduates by the year 2020. As part of the Project, The Center for Continuing Education will continue to coordinate with other departments on campus to develop pathways, cohorts and other degree completion options through the Bachelor of Integrated Studies program.
- **Community College.** The Community College at Murray State University offers a variety of courses in the following areas: Math, English, Public Speaking, and College Study Skills. We offer a variety of academic services for anyone enrolled at MSU
- **Distance Learning.** Distance learning courses are a great way for students to complete their studies around their work schedules, family commitments and busy lifestyles.
- **Extended Campus Programs.** Murray State University offers a variety of courses and degree programs at their regional campus sites located in Henderson, Hopkinsville, Fort Campbell, Madisonville and Paducah.
- **Interactive Television.** The Interactive Television courses at Murray State University are a tool to reach non-traditional as well as traditional students across county and university dividers. These classes give students the opportunity to experience course offerings and professors to which they normally would not have access.

## University of Louisville

The University of Louisville offers professional certifications in Allied Health, Information Technology, Project Management Professional (PMP), Program Management Professional.

[http://delphi.louisville.edu/cont\\_prof/professional\\_certifications.htm](http://delphi.louisville.edu/cont_prof/professional_certifications.htm)

In addition, the University offers Online Courses, Televised Courses, and Distance Education Courses, described below:

- **Online Courses:** The University of Louisville offers 100% online bachelor's and master's degrees so that students around the world can complete their program without ever entering a classroom. Online classes at the University of Louisville are very user friendly, allowing the student to interact directly with instructors and classmates through Blackboard, the university's online course delivery system. Classes follow the same semester calendar as traditional classes. Students will need a computer and internet access to complete their coursework.
- **Telecourses:** Televised classes are available via Kentucky Educational Television, or the Kentucky Metroversity Channel. Students are required to come to campus only a few times during the semester.
- **Distance Education Courses:** All distance education courses are charged on a per-credit-hour basis. Students are charged 130% of the undergraduate/graduate in-state tuition rate for televised and online classes even if they have already been billed as a full-time student.

## A Sample of Kentucky's Private Universities

A number of Kentucky's private colleges also offer flexible adult programming. Below is a sample of four of these programs.

### Brescia University

- **Weekend College**  
Weekend College is a program geared for adult learners. Classes are offered on the weekend and in a time-accelerated format that is ideal for most adults who are trying to balancing career, personal, and educational goals.
- **Masters in Business Administration (MBA) Accelerated Program**  
The new 15-month accelerated MBA program is designed specifically for the professional who has experience, is time-conscious, shows leadership potential and possesses strong quantitative skills. Through completing the MBA program, professionals will acquire depth and fluency in business concepts in relation to their technical skills which will prepare them for larger leadership roles.
- Brescia also offers a variety of elearning and online courses.

### **Spalding University**

- Adult Accelerated Program (AAP)

The Adult Accelerated Program maintains a flexible admissions policy that gives serious consideration to occupational and academic experience, as well as other pertinent facts that demonstrate familiarity or competence in certain areas for the adult learner. Recent achievements and the motivation to learn are more reliable indicators of the potential for success in a college degree program than are the records of high school or college classes taken a number of years prior. Therefore, ACT/SAT scores are not required for admission.

### **Thomas More College, Kentucky**

- Adult Degree Programs

Thomas More College offers a wide variety of courses during the day, evening and weekend, allowing students to earn their associate, bachelor's or master's degree at their own pace. Thomas More College offers adult students a streamlined registration process, flexible schedules and personalized instruction, creating a supportive environment with helpful academic resources.

### **Campbellsville University**

- Adult learners residing in the Greater Louisville area, including Bardstown, LaGrange, Mt. Washington, Shelbyville, Shepherdsville and Taylorsville in Kentucky as well as Southern Indiana, are now fulfilling their calling at Campbellsville University's Louisville campus. Campbellsville University, a Kentucky Baptist university, has expanded its Louisville, Ky. operation to offer adult learners an accelerated program where classes meet only one night per week, Monday-Thursday. Students may move progressively through the program taking a prescribed sequence of courses that can lead to the completion of a degree in only 18 months. Classes are conveniently offered at Campbellsville University's Louisville Campus.